

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Anderson Chapel; St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel

and/or common Anderson Chapel (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number Swanton Hill Road and Pine Hill Road n/a not for publication

city, town Swanton n/a vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Garrett code 023

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Leroy (Pearle) Campbell

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Swanton n/a vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland 21561

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse

street & number Third and Alder Streets

city, town Oakland state Maryland 21550

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1984 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

**Check one**

☒ original site  
☐ moved date n/a

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Anderson Chapel, also referred to as St. Paul's Chapel, is located in the center of Swanton, a small town laid out on a half mile stretch of road that intersects the B & O railroad line in a rural area of south-central Garrett County. The chapel stands on a slight rise on a corner lot and is compatible in scale to the majority of the other buildings in Swanton, generally one story residences. It is a late nineteenth century frame, one story, gable-roofed church with a southwest gable end facade. It is most notable for the amount of Gothic detailing present, including lancet and rose windows, board and batten siding and a hood over the doorway. The chapel is in fair condition and has not been significantly altered except for the removal of the small belfry on the roof following its abandonment as a chapel in 1939.

**Number of Resources****Contributing**

1  
0  
0  
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1

**Noncontributing**

0 buildings  
0 sites  
0 structures  
0 objects  
0 Total

**Number of previously listed**

National Register properties  
included in this nomination: 0

Original and historic functions  
and uses: religious

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Anderson Chapel, also referred to as St. Paul's Chapel, is located in the center of Swanton, a small town laid out on a half mile stretch of road that intersects the B & O railroad line in a rural area of south-central Garrett County. The chapel stands on a slight rise on the north-west corner of Swanton Hill Road and Pine Hill Road and is surrounded by residences of similar scale.

The chapel is a late nineteenth century, frame, one story, gable roofed building measuring one bay by four bays with a southwest gable end facade. It rests on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation with a slanted board water table and is sheathed with whitewashed board-and-batten siding. The Chapel is rectangular in form and plan with the exception of a small gable-roofed wing which extends from the rear of the northwest side. There is a door with four panels on the southwest side of the wing and a 2/2 sash window on the northeast side.

The southwest entrance, reached by a flight of six wooden steps with wooden railing, has a double doorway with four vertically sheathed panels, with the bottom two panels being of smaller size than the top two. Atop the door is a large lancet window with double lancet tracery. Over the entrance and virtually enveloping the lancet window is a gable-roofed hood supported by Stick Style braces and fronted by a chamfered tie beam with decorative king post.

On each of the long facades are four narrow lancet sash windows with double lancet tracery on the upper sash and four panes on the lower sash. A rose window with eight alternating blue and red etched glass panes pierces the northeast end wall.

The interior plan consists of a single room with a raised platform at the altar end. The walls are panelled with narrow vertical board and chair rail. All of the religious furnishings have been removed.

The chapel is in fair condition, and a few of the windows have broken glass. The simple belfry which once rose at the southwest end of the roof was removed after 1939 as were the interior furnishings.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates    c. 1882                      Builder/Architect    unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criterion: C  
 Applicable Exceptions: A  
 Level of Significance: local

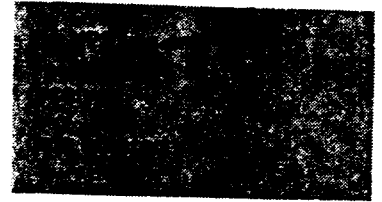
## SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Anderson Chapel in Swanton is significant as one of only two churches in Garrett County built in the board-and-batten style. This style, popularized by the architect Richard Upjohn and others, was an important facet of the Gothic Revival as developed in the United States during the nineteenth century. Its use was particularly appropriate in Garrett County, where lumber operations and sawmills were an important local industry. Board and batten construction and other characteristic Gothic features distinguish the Anderson Chapel among the late 19th century churches of Garrett County. Other frame churches in the county are by and large plainer and more traditional with few concessions to architectural style. Complete Gothic detailing on the Anderson Chapel, including traceried lancet and rose windows, a delicate hood over the entrance, and board and batten siding, constitutes a degree of architectural sophistication which is unusual in rural Garrett County.

For History and Support Documentation, see Continuation Sheet No. 2

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The preference for the Gothic Revival and the picturesque which swept the United States during the nineteenth century presented several challenges to American builders and architects. One of these was how to accurately reproduce Gothic details and forms in materials other than stone, which was often too costly and beyond the skill of local builders. It was especially difficult to reconcile the building of wooden domestic and religious architecture with the lack of actual medieval precedents.

In an effort to satisfy a demand for inexpensive frame buildings along Gothic lines, the architect A. J. Davis produced plans for two houses which were later published in the immensely popular The Architecture of Country Houses by A. J. Downing in 1850. Both houses utilized vertical board-and-batten siding, a construction method which Davis believed had an "expression of strength and truthfulness which the other (horizontal siding) has not."<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, vertical boarding "being a bolder mode of construction . . . better expresses the picturesque - a kind of beauty essentially belonging to wooden houses."<sup>2</sup>

The architect Richard Upjohn carried Davis' innovations even farther by producing designs for small rural churches also using board-and-batten construction. To Upjohn the board-and-batten style evoked the vitality of the Gothic style in its simplest possible terms. In a broader sense, the board-and-batten style gave carpenters a freedom of expression in the Gothic mode heretofore only enjoyed by builders in stone. As Phoebe Stanton wrote, "Upjohn carried the potentialities of wood as an ecclesiastical building material beyond Gothic inspiration and into a fresh manner which, though it is reminiscent of medieval building, is linear in ways in which stone could never be."<sup>3</sup> According to William Pierson it was through the board-and-batten style that, "not just the Gothic Revival cottage but also the Gothic Revival church achieved its uniquely American form."<sup>4</sup>

Many of the best examples of board-and-batten religious architecture in Maryland are attributable to Upjohn's influence. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Hillsboro, Caroline County and St. Michael's Chapel in Reisterstown, Baltimore County (both listed in the National Register) are two of the best examples of these and indicate the degree to which Upjohn's designs worked within the ecclesiastical guidelines of the Episcopal Church without merely aping the English parish church of the Middle Ages.

The publication in 1852 of Upjohn's Rural Architecture, which contained plans and specifications for board-and-batten churches, helped to spread the popularity of the style. Less liturgically correct than St. Paul's, Hillsboro and therefore more acceptable to denominations outside the Episcopal Church is the example provided by Williston Church, also in Caroline County. Variations

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

on this simple boxlike church with its small steeple and Gothic lancet windows were built throughout the state, eventually reaching the westernmost county of Garrett.

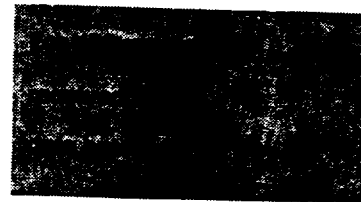
The Anderson Chapel is a late example of the board-and-batten style and is typical of the small churches built, like the Williston Church, in remote rural areas. Built circa 1882, at a cost of \$606.53, the church was paid for by contributions from a number of Protestant denominations and it is difficult to determine which denomination had the deciding voice in the choice of a design or style. The building of churches by several denominations was not unusual in rural Garrett County, where both the money to construct them and the congregations themselves were thinly scattered. It is likely that the congregations were influenced by the design of St. John's in nearby Deer Park, which was built in 1873-1874 by a similarly disparate group of Protestants who banded together to form the Deer Park Union Church Association.<sup>5</sup> This church, with its prominent steeple, lancet windows (including one over the entrance), and small hood over the doorway, is an excellent example of the rural Gothic board-and-batten style. The lack of other board-and-batten style churches in the county and the proximity of Deer Park to Swanton (both were linked by the important B & O line through Southern Garrett County) strongly suggests a link between the two churches.

Most other churches built during the nineteenth century in Garrett County show at least some evidence of Gothic styling, usually in the use of one or more lancet windows or a pointed steeple; few however, evidence such a completeness of detail and skill in the use of Gothic decoration as the Anderson Chapel. The fact that both it and the Deer Park Church lie on the route of the B & O railroad is probably not coincidental, as it was either under the influence of the railroad or the wealthy patrons who used it that some of the best architecture in Garrett County was built.

The Anderson Chapel was named for General Joseph R. Anderson of Richmond, Va., a landholder whose agent in Garrett County, Charles M. Miller, gave land for the church site.<sup>6</sup> At first, space within the church was allocated according to a formula based on the amount of money contributed by each denomination. This arrangement soon proved itself unsatisfactory and the trustees of the church soon deeded it to the Episcopal and Presbyterian groups, both of whom had contributed a majority of the funds.<sup>7</sup> At a later point it became an exclusively Episcopalian chapel, at which time it was officially referred to as St. Paul's Chapel, although it continued to be commonly known as the Anderson Chapel. Coincidentally, the church in Deer Park also became an Episcopalian Chapel in 1923.

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The parish of St. Matthews, of which Swanton is a part, was formed as recently as 1874 from Emmanuel Parish in Allegany County, and was centered in Oakland, the Garrett County seat. Church building was hampered by the frequent turnover of ministers, and for many years the Anderson Chapel was the only Episcopal chapel outside of the immediate Oakland-Deer Park area. Renovations and refurbishments were carried out from time to time, most notably in 1904 and 1920, but the church was finally abandoned in 1939. It was acquired by the present owner in 1961 and is currently used for storage.<sup>8</sup>

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

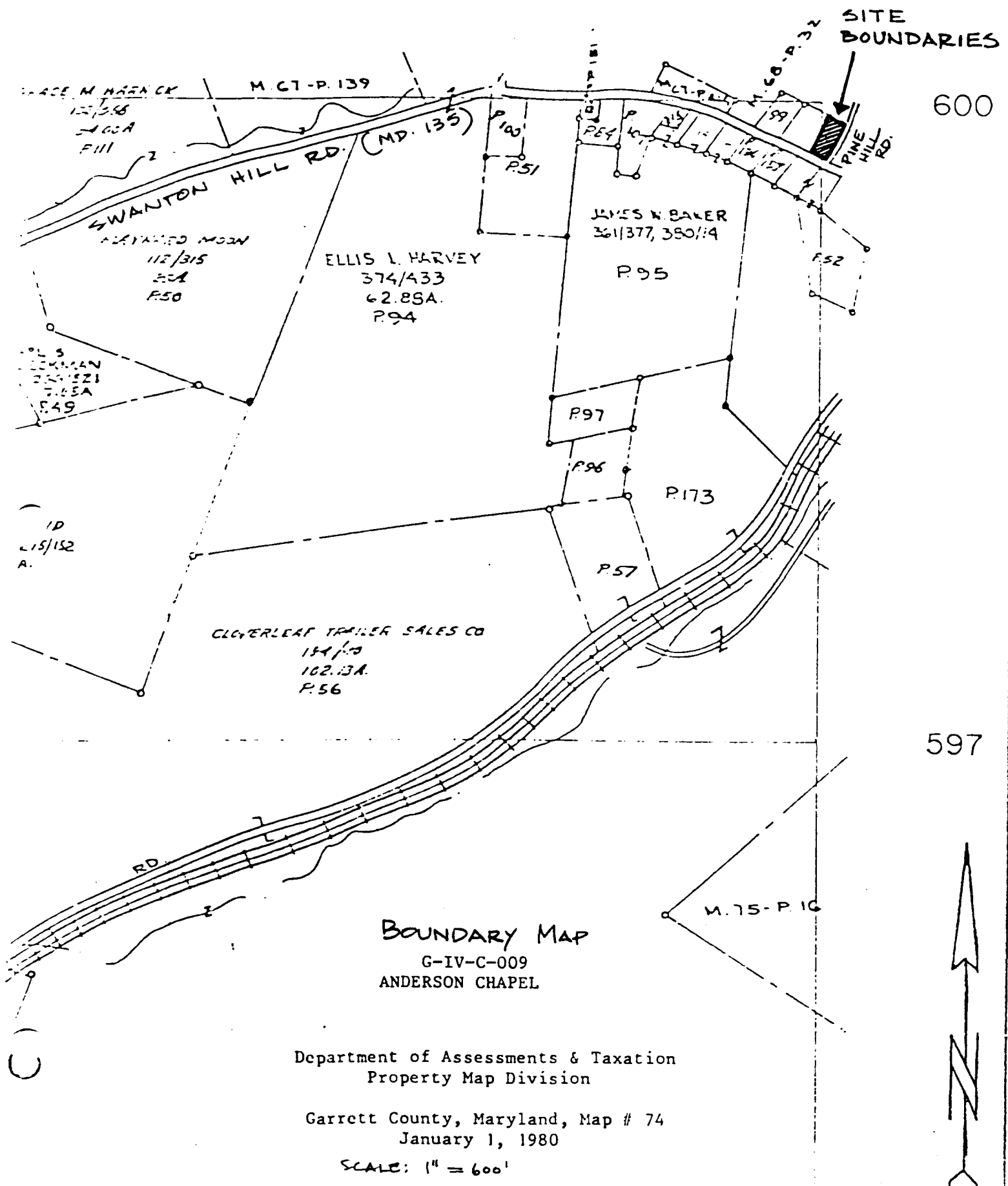
- <sup>1</sup>Downing, A. J. The Architecture of Country Houses (1850; rpt. New York: Dover Publications, Inc.) 1969, p.51
- <sup>2</sup>Ibid, p. 52
- <sup>3</sup>Stanton, Phoebe B. The Gothic Revival American Church Architecture - An Episode in Taste, 1840-1856 (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press) 1968, p. 259
- <sup>4</sup>Pierson, William H., Jr. American Buildings and their Architects - The Corporate and Early Gothic Styles (Garden City, N.Y. Doubleday & Co.) 1978, p. 432
- <sup>5</sup>Weeks, Thekla Fundenberg. A History of St. Mathews Parish (Oakland, Md: Sincell Publishing Co.) 1949, p. 52
- <sup>6</sup>The Glade Star, "Anderson Chapel, Swanton," Vol. 1., No. 18, (June 30, 1945) p. 140
- <sup>7</sup>Weeks, p. 50
- <sup>8</sup>Garrett County Land Records, Liber WHT, No. 11, Folio 712

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat labeled Boundary Map.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property, less than one acre, comprises the single town lot upon which the resource stands.

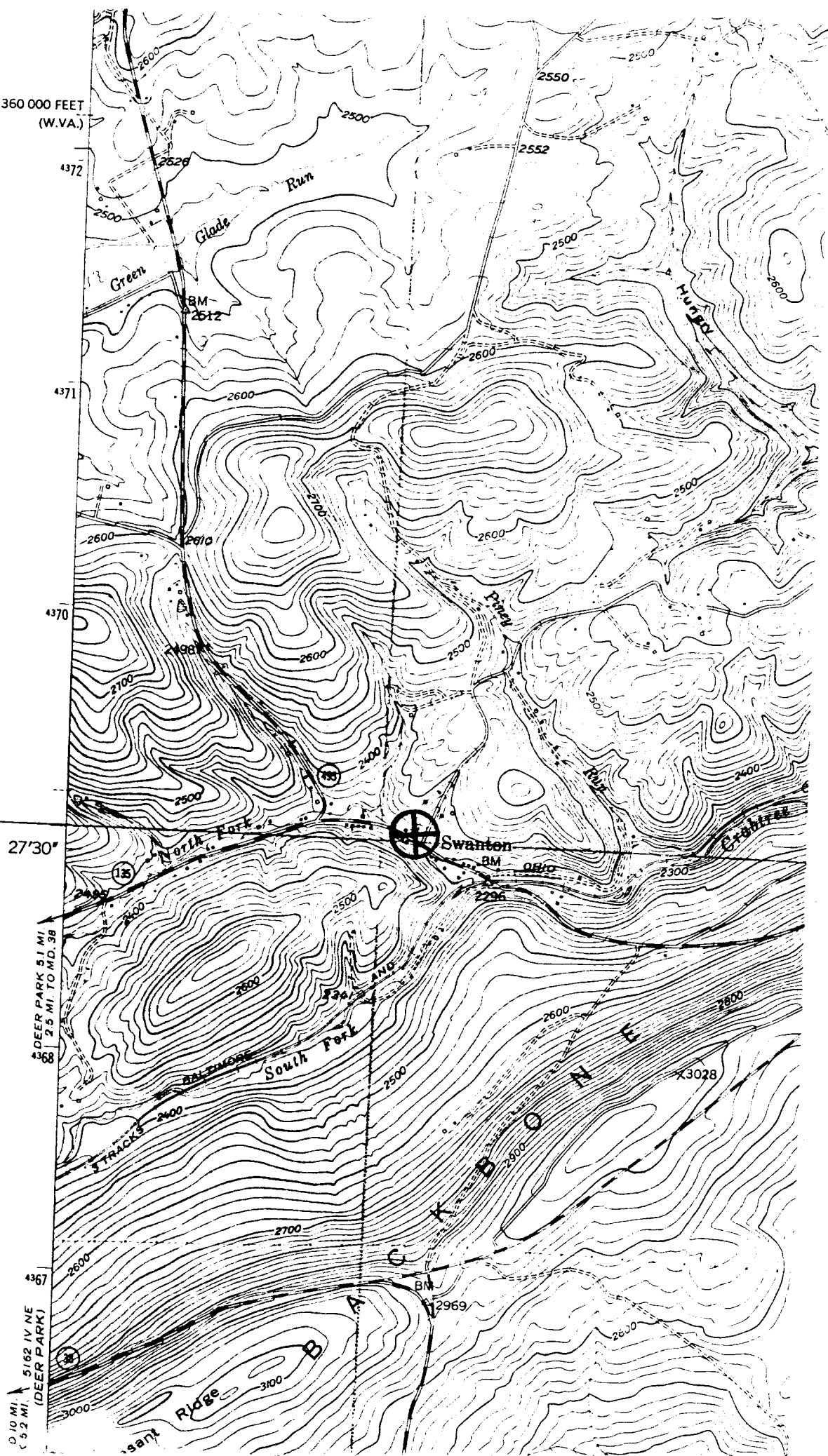




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(W.VA.)

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COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet No. 4

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Kitzmilller, MD - W. VA.Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 4

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Geoffrey B. Henry, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Maryland Historical Trustdate 1984street & number 21 State Circletelephone (301) 269-2438city or town Annapolisstate Maryland 21401

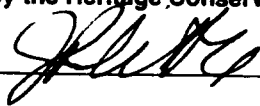
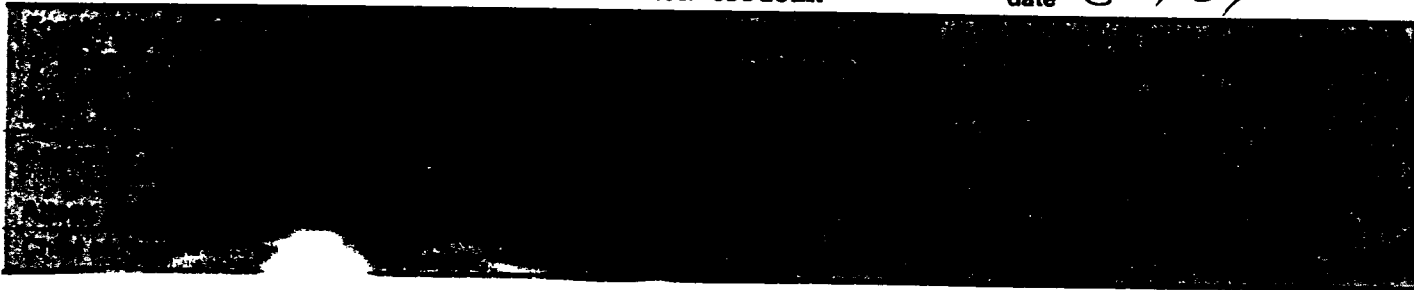
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

     national      state   X   local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERdate 5-4-84

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Anderson Chapel  
Swanton  
Private

circa 1882

Anderson Chapel, constructed circa 1882, is significant for being a good example of the form most often employed for rural Garrett County churches and for its unaltered and well-detailed architectural style. The building's basic one story, gable front, oblong form is typical of late nineteenth century rural Garrett County churches. In addition, it exhibits a completeness of Gothic Revival detailing not found in other such structures. The Gothic Revival style evident in Anderson Chapel is expressed in its traceried lancet windows, the rose window at the altar end, board and batten siding, and the traceried transom light and delicate hood that frame the door.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Anderson Chapel

AND/OR COMMON

Swanton Episcopal Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Swanton Hill Road at junction with Pine Hill Road, west corner

CITY, TOWN

Swanton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER storage**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Pearle Campbell

Telephone #: (301) 387-6521

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 237

Folio #: 40

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
 XGOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED  
 —ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Anderson Chapel is a late nineteenth century frame church built in a single story, gable front form embellished with Gothic Revival details. The basic form of the building is reflected in the interior which is simply a one room plan. It is located in the center of a small town that lies on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad line and is surrounded by a large rural area.

The chapel is a frame, one story, gable-roofed building measuring one bay by four bays with a southwest gable end facade. It rests on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation with a slanted board watertable and is sheathed with whitewashed board and batten siding.

The northwest and southeast elevations are lit by traceried 5/4 sash lancet windows surrounded by simple pilasters and pointed arch window-heads. A rose window with eight alternating blue and red etched glass panes pierces the northeast endwall. The facade has a double door entrance framed by simple pilasters and a traceried, pointed arch transom light. Sheltering the entrance is a gabled hood with a king post and chamfered tie beam. This hood is attached to the building by simple chamfered diagonal brace supports.

A one room, gable-roofed wing with an exterior entrance and a 2/2 sash window abuts the northwest elevation near the altar end. The asphalt shingled roof has an interior brick stove chimney projecting through the area between the first and second bays of the northwest wall. A scar on the roof above the entrance indicates the location of a small belfry that has been removed.<sup>1</sup>

The interior plan is a single room with a raised platform at the altar end. The walls are paneled with narrow vertical board and a chair rail.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      ca. 1882

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Anderson Chapel, constructed circa 1882, is significant for being a good example of the form most often employed for rural Garrett County churches and for its unaltered and well-detailed architectural style. The building's basic one story, gable front, oblong form is typical of late nineteenth century rural Garrett County churches. In addition, it exhibits a completeness of Gothic Revival detailing not found in other such structures. The Gothic Revival style evident in Anderson Chapel is expressed in its traceried lancet windows, the rose window at the altar end, board and batten siding, and the traceried transom light and delicate hood that frame the door. Typically, other late nineteenth century Garrett County churches of this form are sided with weatherboard or German siding and are lit by lancet or elongated sash windows with little or no extraneous architectural detail. An individual Gothic element, such as the lancet window, will occasionally appear on these buildings; however, Anderson Chapel is the only rural church building that demonstrates the Gothic Revival style in a cohesive form.

History

Anderson Chapel, also referred to as St. Paul's Chapel,<sup>2</sup> is located in the center of Swanton, a small town laid out on a half mile stretch of road that intersects the 1851 Baltimore and Ohio Railroad line. Due to the railroad and the proximity of large timber stands, Swanton served as one of six lumber shipping points in the county. The lumber industry, which prospered in the Swanton area from the 1870's to about 1900, was responsible for the growth of the town.<sup>3</sup> By the end of the nineteenth century Swanton boasted a hotel, a railroad depot, a post office and several stores. Anderson Chapel was the only church in town until 1903 when a Methodist church was erected. Today, Anderson Chapel is one of the few remaining structures representing Swanton's initial growth period.

Anderson Chapel is named in honor of General Joseph R. Anderson, a Richmond, Virginia native who had extensive land holdings in the Swanton area. In 1873, Charles McIlvaine Miller was sent to Garrett County to survey and sell Anderson's property. Through Miller's efforts, Anderson donated the land for the chapel site. The building was dedicated on September 17, 1882. Miller settled in Swanton and served the congregation as lay-reader until 1912. Regular services in the chapel ceased in 1939.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- <sup>1</sup>The Glades Star, "Anderson Chapel, Swanton," Vol. 1, No. 18, June 30, 1945, p. 140 (photograph).
- <sup>2</sup>Garrett County land Records, Deed Book 237, folio 40, Garrett County Courthouse.
- <sup>3</sup>Schlosnagle, Stephen. Garrett Co., A History of Maryland's Tableland, (Parsons, WV: McClain Printing Co. 1978), p. 265.
- <sup>4</sup>The Glades Star, p. 40.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The boundaries of this site are the same as those indicated on map number 74 of the January 1, 1980 property maps compiled by the Department of Assessments and Taxation. See attached map.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

November 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE <u>MD</u> COUNTY <u>GARRETT</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____  ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY  2. NAME _____  DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</div> <p> <u>White Church. Steyer Road - left side</u>  <u>c. 1 mi. S. east of MD Rt 560</u>  <u>from 1873</u>  <u>B + W. only.</u> </p> <p>         Between church at junction w/ 560 there is          supposed <sup>to be</sup> the site of an early (late 18<sup>th</sup> C. ?)          log cabin association w/ Lee family - on          the <del>other</del> opposite side of the road. Could see          nothing - heavy brush.       </p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER   DATE OF RECORD	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGR. MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE





MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON:	
Swanton Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Md Rte 495 at Jct. with Pine Hill Road			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Swanton			
STATE		CODE	COUNTY:
Maryland			Garrett

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In a deteriorated condition, the Swanton Church appears to have been abandoned and would seem to be in danger of being allowed to decay further. A small board and batten church, there are four clear lancet windows on the side of the nave, there is no chancel as such (belonged to a Protestant denomination), but there is a large circular window in the 'east' wall. There is a simple open belfry and the remains of a small spire over the entrance.

There is a cemetery behind the church.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasaphy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Although not as elaborate as the Hoyes and Blooming Rose Methodist Churches [G-41, -48], this Swanton church does represent another type of ecclesiastical structure found in Garrett County. Undoubtedly built for a Protestant denomination (probably Methodist), this church does show a Dissenting congregation's adaption of the mid-19th century rural ecclesiastical <sup>style.</sup> made available by such books as Upjohn's Rural Architecture, however, here the definitely articulated chancel and other Episcopal requirements have been done away with.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust [WM]	DATE June 3, 1970
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE COOE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chain of Title  
Anderson Chapel  
G-IV-C-009

Garrett County Land Records-

30 June 1961

Liber 237, Folio 40

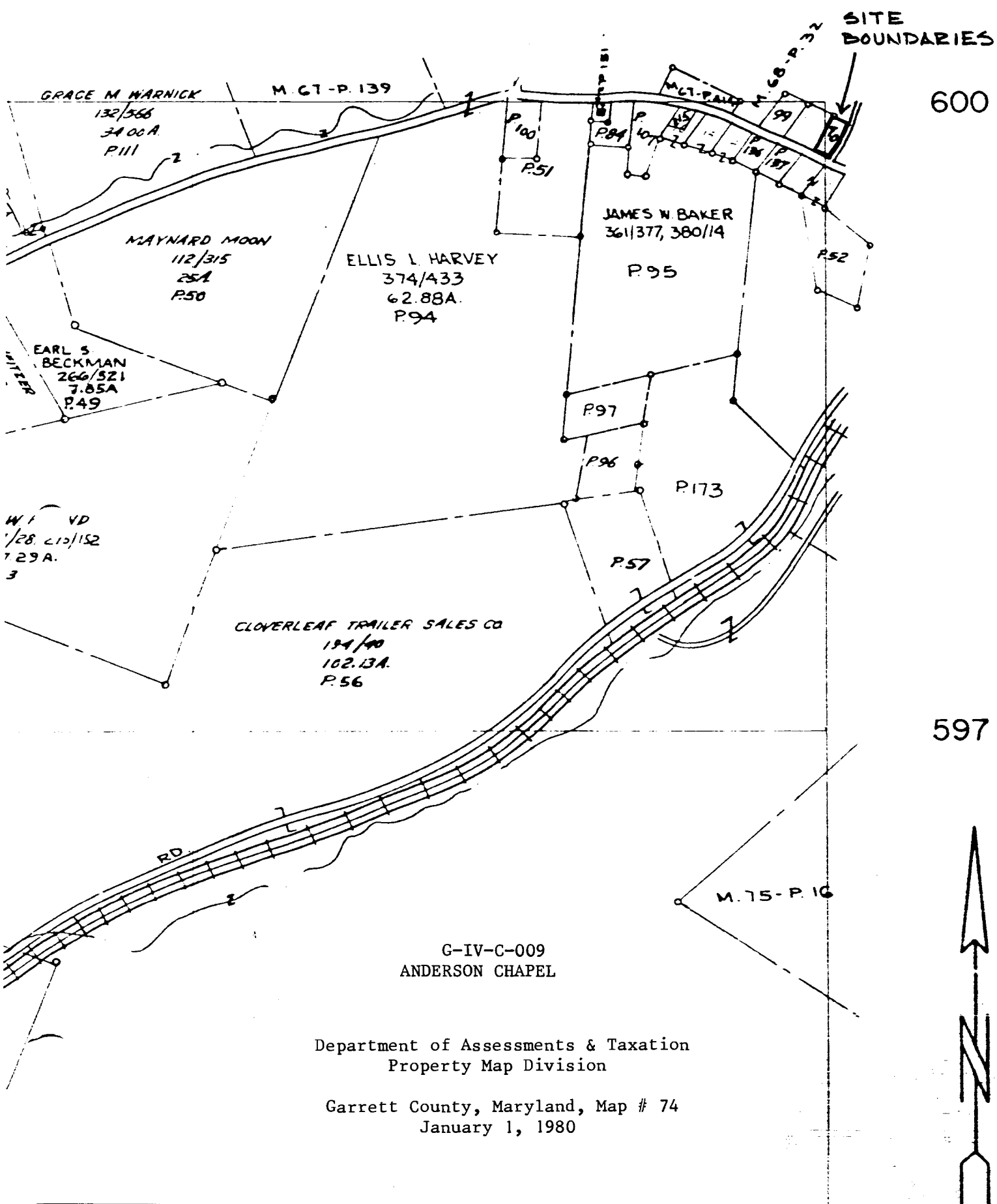
Grantee: Pearle Campbell

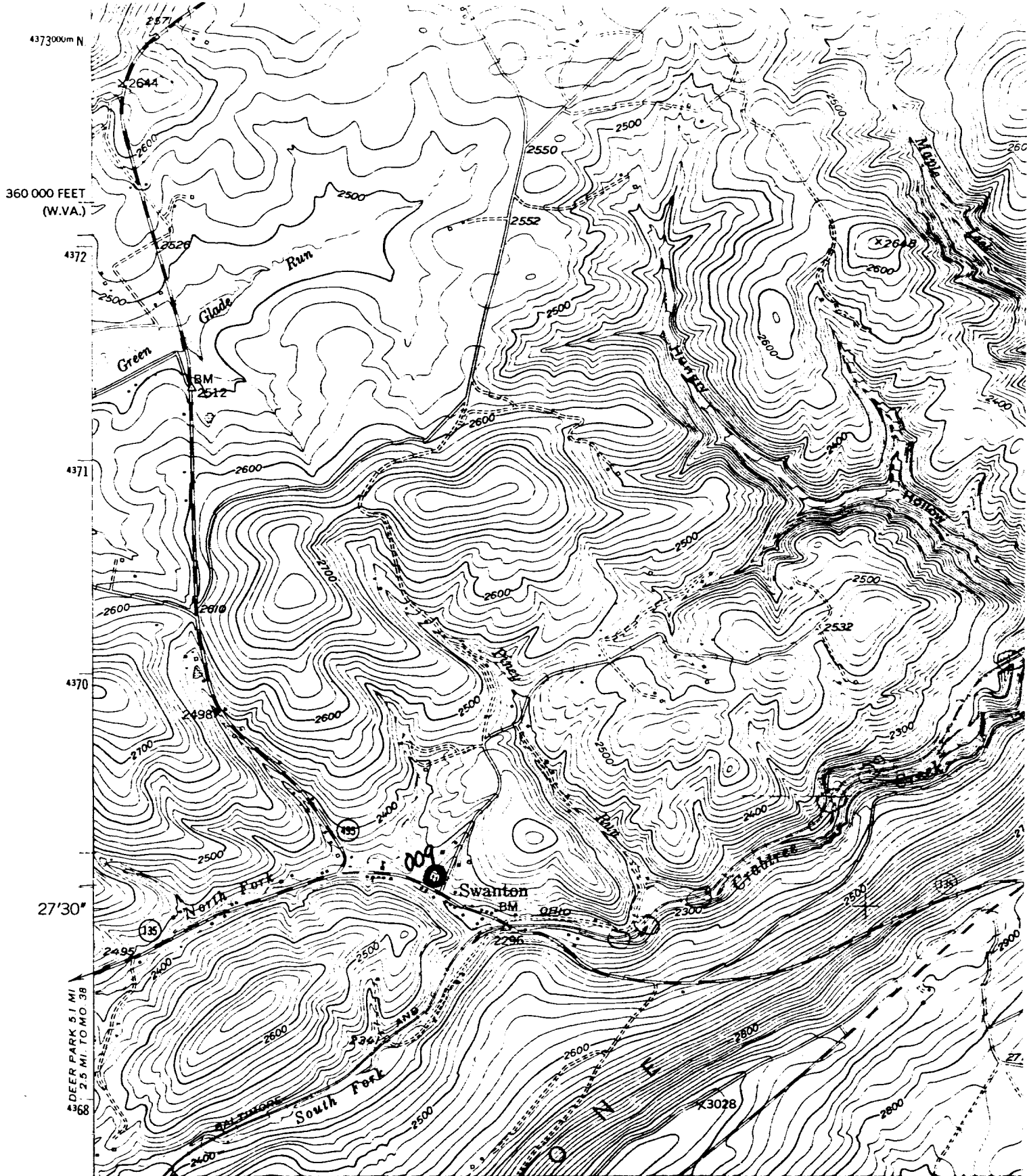
Grantor: The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the  
Diocese of Maryland

Consideration: \$450.00

Notes: "... formerly known as the Anderson Chapel, but also sometimes referred to as St. Paul's Chapel.... conveyed by Deed dated September 21, 1886, by Charles M. Miller to the Rt. Reverend William Paret in trust for that part of the Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church embraced with the boundary lines of St. Matthew's Parish in Garrett County, Maryland of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland," recorded September 21, 1886 in liber 11, folio 71.

ERROR in deed book - The previous deed does not appear in liber 11, folio 71.





Kitzmiller, MD-WV  
 USGS 715 Minute Series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

Site #: G-IV-C-009  
 Anderson Chapel  
 Swanton Hill Rd. at junction  
 with Pine Hill Rd., W corner





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Anderson Chapel

Swanton, Garrett County

V. Cesna, Jan. 1981

Negs. at Maryland Historical Trust

NW & SW elevations

FIGURE 108



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Anderson Chapel

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Rear: NE gable end



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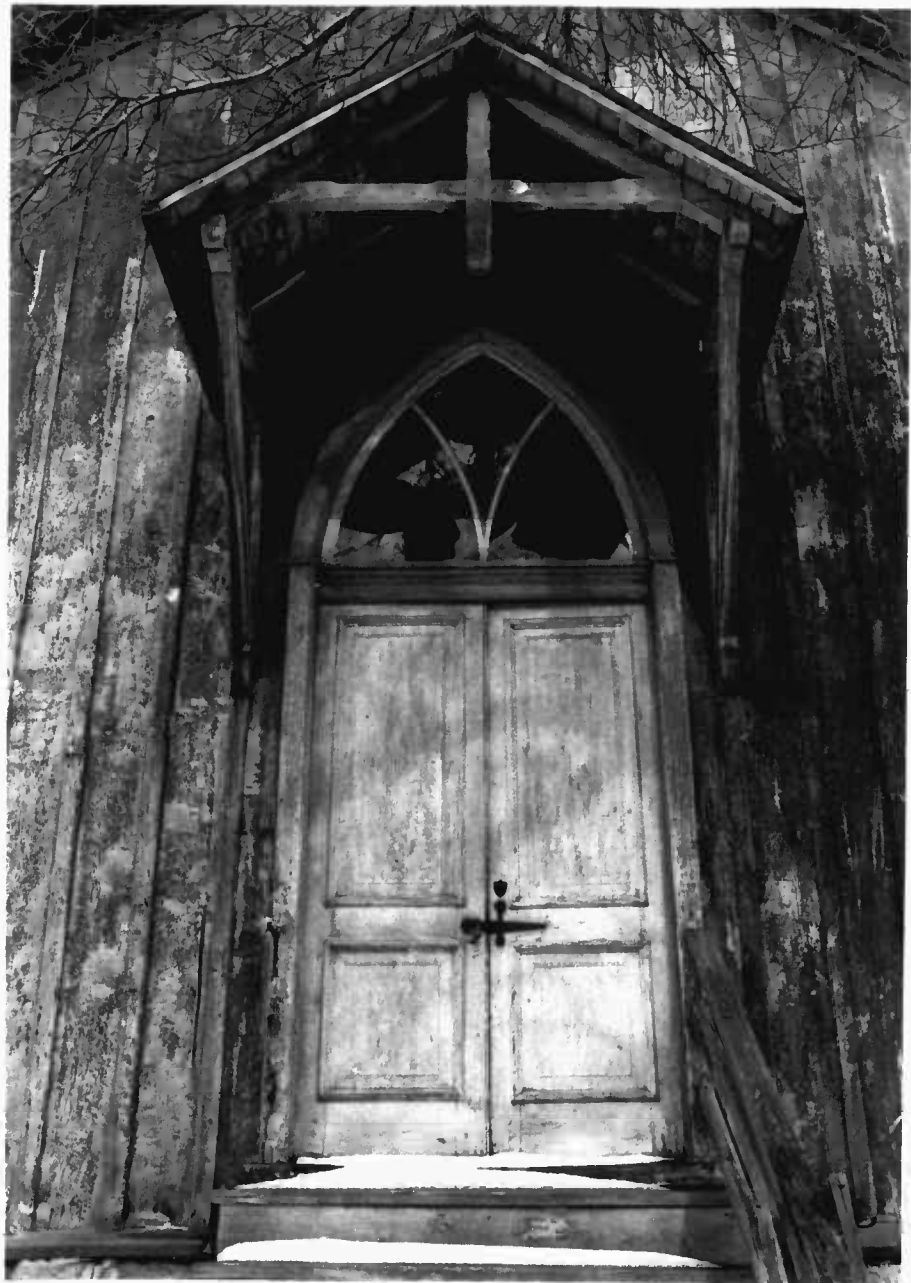
Anderson Chapel

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Window, NW elevation



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Anderson Chapel

Swanton, Garrett County

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Door, SW elevation

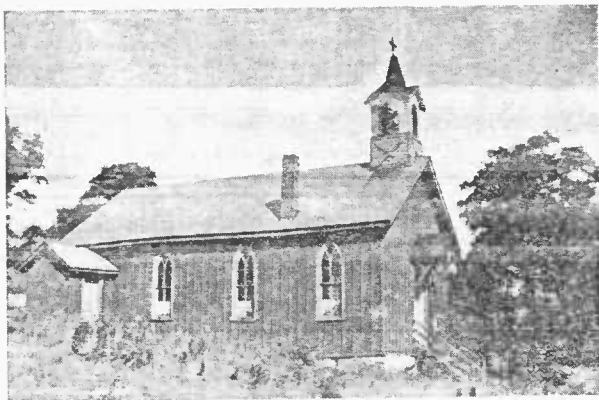
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FIGURE 109

## ANDERSON CHAPEL

JUNE 30, 1945

## SWANTON



Mr. Charles McIlvaine Miller came to Swanton from Richmond, Virginia, in 1873, as agent of Gen. Joseph R. Anderson, to survey and sell the extensive acreage of mountain land owned by Gen. Anderson.

It was through Mr. Miller's influence the land was given on which to build the chapel. The name Anderson Chapel was selected to honor Gen. Anderson when the chapel was dedicated on September 17th, 1882. Before the Chapel was built, Sunday School was held in the school house and church services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, (who was Miss Elizabeth Lansdale, of Baltimore). For 38 years Mr. Miller conducted services in Anderson Chapel as Lay-Reader and with his family to help, held Sunday School regularly. In 1912, Mr. Miller and his family moved to Keyser, W. Va., and his active church work in Swanton ended. Only a few members of the church are living in Swanton now, and services in the little chapel have not been held regularly since 1939.

*Miss Hough, Librarian  
State Teachers College  
Frostburg*

## THE FOREST AND THE FORT

This is one of the best of historical novels which we have read, written by Hervey Allen, who has kindly donated a copy to the GCHS library.

The "Forest" is the Ohio Valley in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, and the "Fort" is Fort Pitt just after the French and Indian War. Salathiel Albine, the hero of the story, was captured by the Indians and reared as an Indian by Chief Big Turtle. The book is of special interest to us because of the light it throws upon that part of Pennsylvania bordering our own area. Our members will be entertained

and instructed by reading "The Forest and the Fort." It is one of a series of historical novels by the same author.

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"The Forest and the Fort," by Hervey Allen. Published by Farrar & Rinehart, Inc., New York.

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## HON. OTHO SPEELMAN FIKE

Son of Ami M. and Carolyn Barnhouse Fike, died February 12, at Miner's Hospital, Frostburg. Mr. Fike, a farmer of Avilton, served as County Commissioner, 1908-1916; as member of the House of Delegates, 1930-1934 and from 1942 until his death.

COMPLIMENTS: M.G.S. - K.C.L.

6-14-C-009